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## OPGS News

**GIRC Hours.** *The Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC)* provides technical assistance and information about resources that improve community services in the District of Columbia for its “customers” -District government, nonprofit, and faith-based representatives. The primary focus is to assist customers who either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to strengthen their organizations. The GIRC will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m., by appointment only. Thursdays are reserved for previous GIRC users. To make an appointment call 202-727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

Please note – if the link for a Federal Grant opportunity does not work, go to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and enter the CFDA # (found in our Grants Database <http://app.opgs.dc.gov/grantautomation/grantfinder.asp> by inputting the “Grant ID” number provided below).

**Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program.** *Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* announces funds for three different programs: Supportive Housing Program; Shelter Plus Care; and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy. The purpose of the funding is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in Continuum of Care communities by assisting homeless individuals and families move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

**Eligibility:** State governments, nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities.

**Deadline:** November 9, 2009.

**Funds:** \$1,430,000,000 is available. A match is required.

**Information:** (800) 483-8929 or go to: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and in the advanced search section enter CFDA#s 14.235, 14.238, or 14.249.

**GrantID:** GD3575

## District Opportunities

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor’s Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia’s grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities	Small Projects Program	September 30, 2009
Child and Family Services	FY2010 Volunteer Mentor Partnership	October 15, 2009
Office of the State Superintendent of Education	Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants	October 16, 2009

## Foundations

**2009-2010 Junior League of Washington Literacy Grants.** *Junior League of Washington* announces funds to support community-based organizations working on literacy focused projects.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 30, 2009.

**Funds:** \$50,000 is available to fund 2 awards up to \$25,000.

**Information:** (202) 337-2001 or [office@jlw.org](mailto:office@jlw.org); or go to: [www.jlw.org](http://www.jlw.org).

**GrantID:** GD3574

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**Bikes Belong Grants.** *Bikes Belong Coalition* announces funds to support organizations and agencies that are committed to putting more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong will fund facility and advocacy projects.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** November 23, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$10,000.

**Information:** Elizabeth Train at (303) 449-4893 or [elizabeth@bikesbelong.org](mailto:elizabeth@bikesbelong.org); or go to:

<http://www.bikesbelong.org/node/42>.

**GrantID:** GD3573

**Community Grants.** *The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation* announces funds to support four different program areas: arts and humanities, community services, education and health.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** November 1, 2009.

**Information:** Cafritz Foundation at (202) 223-3100 or [info@cafritzfoundation.org](mailto:info@cafritzfoundation.org); or go to:

[http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/applicant/app\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/applicant/app_guidelines.asp).

**GrantID:** GD3572

**CVS Caremark Community Grants.** *CVS Caremark* announces funds to support programs targeting children with disabilities; programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services; and public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs, and initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 31, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$5,000.

**Information:** <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants>.

**GrantID:** GD3576

## Announcements and Resources

**Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits.** Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits is a month-long series of trainings designed to help nonprofits understand how to best leverage social media to create awareness for your cause, raise funds, and engage with new constituents. In the introductory video, issues addressed include: how social media affects monitoring and control of your brand; using social media for fund- and friend-raising; and who within your organization should be responsible for social media. After you've watched this video, browse other resources on some of the most popular social media tools and techniques, so you can learn more at your own pace. You can also view live presentations every Thursday at 1pm EST. To access the resource, go to <http://www.casefoundation.org/social-media-tutorials>.

**Free Positive Youth Development Training.** Introduction to Positive Youth Development (PYD), a new self-paced online course developed by the Family and Youth Services Bureau's National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, will familiarize you with the theory and practice of PYD. When you take the course's two modules, you'll learn: the internal and external influences that help young people thrive; how to build individual strengths in youth; and how to create positive places for young people. For more information about PYD, see Putting Positive Youth Development Into Practice and other NCFY publications at <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/publications/pyd/index.htm>. Access the online course at: <http://ncfy-learn.jbsinternational.com/course/category.php?id=3>.

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## Previous Announcements and Resources

**GreatNonprofits: Youth Thrive Awards.** The 2009 GreatNonprofits Youth Thrive Awards recognize youth-oriented organizations of all sizes that receive the most positive reviews on GreatNonprofits and on Guidestar, a site for philanthropic research on the Web. The contest asks clients, donors, volunteers, and board members to write reviews of these nonprofits, which will then automatically be visible on GuideStar.org. Nonprofits with the most positive reviews in their category will be announced as winners. Organizations that win will receive media coverage and promotion on GuideStar.org. Youth-oriented nonprofits are eligible to participate. The deadline is September 30, 2009. For more information go to: <http://www.greatnonprofits.org/youth>.

**National AllyKatzz Tween Summit for Girls.** AllyKatzz.com is hosting a National Tween Summit for girls ages 9-14 and teen volunteers 15-18. The aim of the summit is to allow girls to voice their thoughts and opinions on international, national, and local issues without the influence or intimidation of adults. They will also get the opportunity to voice their thoughts in front of a panel of politicians and media personnel. The event is Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Capital Hilton Hotel. To learn more and to register, go to: <http://allykatzz.com/page/summit/>.

**New York Stock Exchange/By Kids For Kids: NYSE Financial Future Challenge.** The NYSE Financial Future Challenge asks kids to create a new product/idea or process that will excite and educate friends and classmates about investing and the financial marketplace. Ideas can be activities, games, books, websites, videos, etc., that illuminate the fundamentals of the stock market and financial literacy. Kids ages 6-19 are eligible to apply, the winner will receive \$2,500. The deadline is September 30, 2009. For more information go to: <http://www.bkfk.com/FinancialFuture/index.htm>.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.** Sponsored by *Prudential Financial, Inc.* in partnership with the *National Association of Secondary School Principals*, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5-12 at the local, state, and national level. Ten honorees in grades 5-12 will be given a cash award of \$5,000 plus a grant in the same amount to the nonprofit charitable organization of their choice for outstanding work in their communities. Applications are due November 2, 2009. For more information visit: <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/15440>.

**Applications Available for 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards.** District of Columbia businesses and nonprofit organizations may now apply for the 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards. Administered by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the awards program is in its second year and will recognize winners in seven categories. The awards recognize environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention and resource conservation in the following categories: Construction/Development; Partner (Association or Nonprofit); Restaurant/Food Service; Innovation in Green Products or Services; Hotel; Small Business (100 or fewer employees); and Large Business (More than 100 employees). Applications and instructions can be found at <http://ddoe.dc.gov/awards>. The application period ends January 29, 2010, and awards will be distributed in the spring.

**Celebrating Solutions Awards.** *Mary Byron Project*, a national organization working to address the root causes of domestic violence and help build safer, healthier communities announces awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 to each organization. The awards would be presented to programs that can serve as models for the nation in their efforts to reduce violence. Eligible applicants are non-profits organizations and government agencies. Application deadline is November 17, 2009. For guidelines and nomination forms go to: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>.

**Competition: Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing.** *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF's

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Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions. The deadline for applications is October 14, 2009. For more information and to download the application go to <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>.

**Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway:** Christie Cookies has decided to use the celebration of its 25th anniversary by creating The Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway. From now until October 15, people can nominate their favorite charities to win. The most-nominated charity will receive a check for \$10,000. The runner-up wins \$5,000 and 10 more will receive \$1,000 each. Nominations can be made online at [www.ChristieCookies.com](http://www.ChristieCookies.com) in a simple, less than two-minute contest with one entry per person/email.

## **Do Something Save Our Music Contest**

VH1 and Do Something are calling on you to lead the fight for music education in schools. From now until October 16th, take action - tell everyone to "Save Our Music!" Organize an instrument drive. Create viral videos on what music means to you. Run an awareness campaign in your school. The top 5 advocates will receive \$1,000 for their school music program and Rock Band Video game packages. One grand prize winner gets \$2500 in music funding and a Beatles Rock Band game system. Submit your projects by October 23, 2009, for a chance to win. Get started at: [SaveOurMusic.org](http://SaveOurMusic.org).

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